

# West Virginia

## Agricultural Statistics

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### West Virginia Commercial Trout Sales Up

**West Virginia** -- There were 31 operations that produced trout for sale and/or distribution in 2004. Twenty-one operations were commercial producers, while 16 operations distributed trout/trout eggs for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes. The 21 commercial trout producers in West Virginia had a total value of fish sales of 694 thousand dollars for the 12 month period from January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004. This was a 45 percent increase from the 477 thousand dollars in fish sales during the same period in 2003. Fish 12 inches or longer accounted for 95 percent of total sales of fish sold. Trout losses for the period totaled 59,000 pounds, up from last year's 50,000 pounds.

The value of trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes is estimated at 2.16 million dollars, up 24 percent from the 2003 value of 1.74 million dollars.

**United States** -- The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 68.7 million dollars during 2004, an increase of 7 percent from 2003. Sales of fish totaled 63.9 million dollars for 2004, while egg sales totaled 4.83 million dollars. The State of Idaho accounted for 51 percent of the total value of fish sold.

The number of **trout 12 inches and longer** sold during 2004 totaled 47.5 million fish, up 3 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound, at 1.04, was unchanged from 2003. The value of sales for the 2004 marketing year was 57.1 million dollars, up 8 percent from 2003. Based on the dollar value, 72 percent were sold to processors and 18 percent were sold to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The number of **6"-12" trout** sold during 2004 totaled 5.53 million fish, a decrease of 14 percent from 2003. The average price per pound was \$2.63 during 2004, up 13 cents from the 2003 price. The total value of sales was 5.84 million dollars during 2004, up 2 percent from the previous year. The major sales outlets for 6"-12" trout was to fee and recreational fishing establishments with 49 percent of the total sales, followed by government with 15 percent, and sales to other producers at 12 percent.

The number of **1"-6" trout** sold during 2004 totaled 5.55 million, a 25 percent decrease from the previous year. The average value per 1,000 fish was \$174.00 during 2004, a \$5.00 increase from 2003. The total value of sales was 966 thousand dollars, down 22 percent from last year's total.

**Trout egg** sales in 2004 totaled 290 million eggs, up 10 percent from the 264 million eggs sold during the previous year. The average value per 1,000 eggs during 2004 was \$16.70, up 90 cents from 2003. The total value of trout egg sales during 2004 was 4.83 million dollars, up 16 percent from the 4.18 million dollars in egg sales during the previous year.

### Distributed Trout

Trout distributed for restoration, conservation, and recreational purposes, primarily by State and Federal hatcheries, included 10.2 million 12" or longer fish, 39.8 million 6"-12", and 75.8 million fingerlings. The estimated value of fish and eggs distributed totaled 64.8 million dollars, up 6 percent from 2003.

### Losses of Fish

Total losses of all trout intended for sale were 21.9 million fish during 2004. The top three categories were 72.8 percent lost to disease, 12.1 percent to flooding, and 9.9 percent to predators. Losses to trout raised for distribution were primarily due to disease (74 percent) and predators (17 percent).

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TROUT VALUE OF SALES (excluding eggs) JANUARY 1, 2004 - DECEMBER 31, 2004

State	12" and longer		6"-12" Size		1"- 6" Size		Total Value of Fish Sold <sup>1/</sup>	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Thousand Dollars								
CA	4,560	4,312	577	680	48	138	5,185	5,130
CO	1,410	576	*	*	*	*	2,125	870
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*	337	360
GA	363	512	*	*	*	*	581	727
ID	26,642	32,320	*	*	*	*	26,985	32,564
ME	*	*	*	*	*	*	220	212
MA	153	158	*	*	*	*	389	363
MI	564	601	*	167	*	22	691	790
MO	*	*	*	*	*	*	1,990	2,637
NY	487	262	289	179	21	37	797	478
NC	5,014	5,437	351	217	305	255	5,670	5,909
OR	418	486	74	310	14	11	506	807
PA	3,796	3,335	802	821	80	67	4,678	4,223
TN	139	134	*	*	*	*	198	181
UT	469	421	*	*	*	*	1,033	760
VA	1,310	808	108	*	30	*	1,448	924
WA	4,418	3,969	386	693	387	130	5,191	4,792
WV	450	658	*	*	*	*	477	694
WI	1,147	1,072	191	332	31	61	1,369	1,465
Other States	1,558	2,021	2,954	2,439	324	245	--	--
Total	52,898	57,082	5,732	5,838	1,240	966	59,870	63,886

\* Included in "Other States" to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>1/</sup> Arkansas reported trout only for distribution and no sales.